

Year of the Wisconsin Idea Resolution

Whereas the University of Wisconsin's commitment to improving the lives of those beyond its classrooms can be traced back to the late 19th Century;

Whereas the phrase the "Wisconsin Idea" has come to be synonymous with this commitment;

Whereas 2012 marks 100 years since the publication of Charles McCarthy's *The Wisconsin Idea*, one of the earliest uses of this phrase;

Whereas 2012 also marks the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Land-Grant Act and the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension, two prominent features in the evolution of the Wisconsin Idea;

Whereas, in recognition of this confluence of anniversaries, campus leaders have declared the 2011-2012 academic year the Year of the Wisconsin Idea;

Therefore, be it resolved that the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly joins the campus in celebrating and reflecting upon the Wisconsin Idea. Furthermore, the Assembly urges the university to endeavor always to let the values of the Wisconsin Idea guide its pursuits and to forever seek new and better ways to fulfill this time-honored commitment to the people of the State of Wisconsin.